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Chapter I
Introduction

1. In its report dated 17 March 2006,[1] which the General Assembly welcomed in its resolution 60/263 of 16 June 2006, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations decided to consider, during the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General's strategy for victim assistance and the revised draft model memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the United Nations and Member States contributing resources to United Nations peacekeeping operations.

2. The open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts from Member States, established pursuant to the decision of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/60/19, para. 75) met in New York on 26 and 27 June 2006 to consider documents related to the two issues mentioned above.

3. The open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts had before them four informal documents provided by the Secretariat: a working document based on the draft 1997 Model MOU, entitled "Second Draft Revisions to the draft 1997 Model MOU Version 23 May 2006"; the "Draft United Nations Policy Statement and draft United Nations Comprehensive Strategy for assisting and supporting victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel" (unofficial advance copy); the "National Investigations Officer Concept — Final" dated 21 April 2006; and "Proposed unification of standards of conduct for United Nations peacekeeping contingents", dated 30 January 2006.

4. The open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts reviewed the issues of a strategy for victim assistance and the model MOU and submitted a number of recommendations to the Special Committee.

5. Subsequent to the meeting of the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 192nd and 193rd meetings in New York on 27 July 2006 to consider the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/60/19), para. 74.

Chapter II
Proposals, recommendations and conclusions

Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts and resumed session

6. The Special Committee notes that the documents for review by the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts (para. 2) were not available in final form at the time of its meeting on 26 and 27 June 2006. It notes that the official version of the "Draft United Nations Policy Statement and draft United Nations Comprehensive Strategy for assisting and supporting victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel" was issued on 5 June 2006 (A/60/877) and requests that the Secretariat provide the revised model MOU to Member States as a General Assembly document in all official United Nations languages by September 2006.

7. The Special Committee decides to continue its considerations of these issues, and intends to reconvene the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to consider the two above documents from 11 to 15 December 2006. If necessary, the Ad Hoc Working Group may continue its deliberations on 18 December 2006. The Special Committee requests the Secretary-General to provide the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts with the necessary conference services required for its deliberations.

8. The Special Committee intends to consider the findings of the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts at a specially convened session on 16 January 2007, prior to its 2007 substantive session. [The Special Committee may issue a short report at the conclusion of its January meeting, or it may decide to incorporate the results of its meeting in the report of its substantive session.]

9. To ensure a fruitful review by the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, the Special Committee requests that the revised draft model MOU take into consideration views expressed by Member States in 2005 and 2006. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations also welcomes the opportunity for further exchange of views on document A/60/877 during the December meeting of the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts.

Meetings of the Special Committee during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

10. The Special Committee decides to hold its next substantive session from 26 February until 23 March 2007. No conference services are requested from 5 to 9 March, during which time the Special Committee will undertake informal consultations.

11. In preparation for the substantive session, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations requests the Secretary-General to provide to the Special Committee, along with his progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, an addendum in the form of a matrix providing further details on the implementation of recommendations, as provided for in the 2006 session.